Ban of sale of fast food in KVs etc.

†4423. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering or would like to consider to impose a total ban on the sale of fast food and cold drinks in the canteens of all Kendriya Vidyalayas and all colleges and other educational institutes run by Centre on the basis of a research study report by AIIMS; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and Government's point of view on the said research report by AIIMS and action Government would like to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Juvenile Justice Act

4424. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether NGO's of the capital have alleged that the existing provisions of Juvenile Justice Act are not being fully implemented and have demanded that Government should frame adequate laws to deal with child sex abuse;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction;

(c) whether a report by National Human Rights Commission and the Law Commission to deal with cases of child sex abuse has since been received by Government; and

(d) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government as also to coordinate between the police, judiciary and medical authorities in dealing with such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) In pursuance of the directions of the Supreme Court in Criminal Writ Petition No. 33 of 1997 (Sakshi *Vs* UOI) the Law Commission of India was asked to examine the provision relating to child sex abuse in the criminal justice system in the country covering Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code and the Indian Evidence Act. The Law Commission in its 172nd report has made certain recommendations on these issues which has been further examined by the Justice Malimath Committee who have submitted its report to the Ministry of Home Affairs on 21st April, 2003.

Introduction of I.T. in school level education

4425. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which the Information Technology has been introduced in different States in the school level education;

(b) whether Government are aware that many of the economically backward States cannot afford to run IT education in schools on account of financial difficulties; and

(c) if so, what type of help Government are going to extend to the States in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) The various States/UTs have recognized the benefits of Information Technology and its impact on education at every level and the need to create awareness among school students about computer education. Several States like Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Punjab, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya and Manipur have launched their own initiatives in the field of computer education. In order to promote computer education in the country, the Department of Secondary and Higher Education has launched a revised Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) scheme during 2001-2002. All the States/UTs are entitled to benefit from the scheme. As per the criteria adopted for the revised CLASS scheme, grant-in-aid is provided to State Governments/UTs on the basis of Computer Education Plans (CEPs) submitted by them. The CEP would indicate the steps already taken by the State/UTs and the assistance, which they now require. The CEPs are examined by the Project Monitoring & Evaluation Group (PM & EG) headed by Education Secretary and funds are allocated to the States/UTs on